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| **1** | **A Foundation for Biblical unity One Baptism**  Ephesians 4:1-6 |
| **2** | **Which Baptism?**  Acts 19:3-5 **- John’s baptism vs. Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**  John’s baptism - a **“*baptism of repentance*.”** A call **“*to believe… in Jesus*.”**  *“When they heard this,* ***they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*** |
| **3** | **Multiple baptisms Mentioned**   * Baptism **into Moses**. (1 Corinthians 10:2) * Baptism **of John**. (Matthew 21:23-27) * Baptism **of suffering**. (Mark 10:35-40) * Baptism **of fire**. (Matthew 3:11) * Baptism **of the Holy Spirit**. (Matthew 3:11) * Baptism **in the name of Jesus Christ**. (Acts 2:38) |
| **4** | **Baptism in the name of Jesus**   * **Began on the day of Pentecost.** (Acts 2:38) * **Practiced in Samaria** (Acts 8:16) * **Preached to all mankind** (Acts 10:47-48) * **The one we must be baptized into** (Acts 19:5) * ***“In the name of”*** - **by His authority**. (Colossians 3:17; Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18-19) |
| **5** | **Baptism Defined**   * Baptize (baptizo): “**dip, submerge, immerse**” (cf. Luke 16:24 * “… to signify **the dyeing of a garment**, or the drawing of water by **dipping a vessel into another** …” (Vine) * Requires ***“much water”*** – John 3:23 * **A burial** – Colossians 2:12 * Going down into & coming up out of water – Acts 8:38-39 |
| **6** | **Why Baptize?**  “Jesus Christ **commanded that His followers be baptized**. Jesus is both Savior and Lord for every Christian, and baptism provides an opportunity for every believer to publicly submit to Christ. (Matthew 28:19) The early church, under the leadership of the apostles, **baptized every new believer**. The first Christians thought it inconceivable that someone could profess faith in Jesus Christ and not be baptized – the two were inseparable. **Throughout the New Testament, baptism always followed salvation and faith in Christ.**” (Destiny Worship Center website) |
| **7** | **Why Baptize?**  “The precedent we find in the New Testament **is baptism following conversion** by immersion into water. As such, **baptism is only intended for those who have received the saving benefits of Christ through the new birth of the Holy Spirit**. Baptism by immersion is meant to **symbolically depict** the believer’s real union to Christ in His death and resurrection (Rom. 6:1-14).” (Our Beliefs | The Gathering (comegather.com) |
| **8** | **Why Baptize?**  We are baptized **IN ORDER TO BE SAVED**, **not as a result of salvation**.  In Acts 2:37-38, the question is, ***“What shall we do?”*** -  **Do about what?** About the fact that they had already been saved? Or about their sin? (note vs. 37 in that they were *“****pierced to the heart****”*)  The inspired apostle Peter replied, ***“Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, FOR the FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS.”*** |
| **9** | **Why Baptize?**  In Acts 2:37-38, **if they had already been saved,** now that they believed they had sinned in crucifying the Messiah (vs. 36), the question, ***“What shall we do?”* should have been responded to by saying, *“nothing”***! |
| **10** | **“For Forgiveness of Sins”**  What does this expression mean?   * Is ***“for”*** in the sense of **“because of”** the forgiveness of sin? * Or does ***“for”*** mean**“towards, or unto”** the forgiveness of sins?   From the Greek word **“eis”** which Thayer defines as **“into, to, toward, for”.** |
| **11** | **“For Forgiveness of Sins”**   * Acts 2:38, *“Repent, and each of you be baptized…* ***for the forgiveness of your sins****…”* * Matthew 26:28; Jesus said, *“this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many* ***for forgiveness of sins****.”*   We must ask, why **did Jesus shed His blood?**  **“Because of”** the forgiveness of sins already accomplished (then why did He need to die?) or did **He shed His blood “towards or unto” the forgiveness of sins**? |
| **12** | **Baptize who?**  **One who is a Christian and already saved?**  They ask, **“why should a Christian be baptized?”**  The correct question is **“why should a sinner be baptized?”**   * **Christians do not need to be baptized!** If there is sin, they need to confess, repent and pray to God for forgiveness. (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9) |
| **13** | **One who is a sinner and needs to be saved by the grace of God!**   * **The one who is baptized is to die and arise a new creature according to Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-13;** * **Baptism is our source of “*regeneration*”. (Titus 3:5) Once saved, do we yet need the “*washing of regeneration*”?** * **Baptism is our *“appeal to God for a good conscience”*. (1 Peter 3:21). One who has been already saved should no longer have a stained conscience.** |
| **14** | **When to be Baptized**  They say…“**Since baptism is a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ**, it should be performed **after one understands the Gospel**, **experiences God’s grace, and responds to it through faith in Jesus Christ**. Baptism performed prior to these three things is representative of something other than new life in Christ and falls short of what Jesus calls us to.”  **The Bible says…**   * When one realizes they are lost in sin and desire the forgiveness of God. (Acts 2:38; cf., Romans 3:23; 6:23) * After hearing the gospel about Jesus Christ and being taught what to do. (Acts 2:37; 8:35-36) * After believing that Jesus is the Christ and the gospel of salvation through baptism. We must “gladly receive” the word of the gospel. (Acts 2:41) * Before (in order to) becoming a “new creature” not after! (Romans 6:3-4) |
| **15** | **How to be Baptized**  They say… **“The word “baptize” literally refers to some form of immersion in water**, and therefore Destiny Worship Center practices **baptism by immersion**…**We recognize, however, that the essence of baptism is a public proclamation of faith and new life in Christ, and therefore Destiny Worship Center accepts some alternative modes of baptism if representative of faith and new life in Christ**.”  The Bible says… Baptism is indeed “**immersion**” and there must be a burial in order for the believer to arise to walk in newness of life. One must go down into the water and come up out of the water to be a new creature in Christ. (Acts 8:36; Romans 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:17)  There aren’t any “alternative modes” revealed in the scriptures and we must only stand united with those who practice immersion in water for (unto) the forgiveness of sins that adds the faithfully obedient to the one church or body of Christ. |
| **16** | **How to be Baptized**  There aren’t any “**alternative modes**” revealed in the scriptures and **we must stand united only with those** who practice **immersion in water** for **the forgiveness of sins** that **adds the faithfully obedient to the one church**. (2 John 9-11)  **Did not Naaman seek** “**alternative modes**” in 2 Kings 5:10-14? |
| **17** | **Baptism & God’s grace**  Doesn’t **salvation through baptism** contradict Ephesians 2:8 (“***For by grace you have been saved through faith****… it is the gift of God.*”)   * **Back to Naaman**… did his dipping in the Jordan river 7 times as God had said mean **he earned his cleansing**? Or **was he not also saved by grace through faith** when he finally submitted to, and obeyed God’s will? Was his immersion an act of merit or an act of faith? * **The man born blind in John 9**, did his obedience in going and washing the pool of Siloam mean he was not cured by the grace of God? Was his “washing” an act of merit or of faith? |
| **18** | **The One Baptism Is…**  A **response of faith** to the **teaching of the Lord** and **the gospel** in order **to be forgiven of our sins**, and **be raised as a new creature in Christ** who has been **added to His body**!   * **Baptism - not a work of “merit” but a work of faith!** |
| **19** | **The One Baptism Is…**  **Not a “public proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior” having already been forgiven.**   * **It’s your appeal to God for a clear conscience and a new life in Christ!** |